GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – M.A. & U.D. Department - Allegation of corruption and misappropriation of Government funds against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Narsapuram Municipality, West Godavari District – Disciplinary action initiated under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Imposition of penalty of 7.5% cut in pension for a period of six (6) years besides recovery of 10% of Rs.31,212/- = Rs.3121/- and Recovery of his share @ Rs.1,41,320/- out of Rs.4,23,960/- – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 124 **Dated: 03-04-2018**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, letter No.27/RCO/EWG/2002-S13, dated 16.11.2004.
2. G.O.Rt.No.623, MA & UD (Vig.IV) Department, dated:05.05.2005.
3. Served Copy of Articles of Charges issued against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, received thro' letter Roc.No.5887/2002-E4, dated 01.08.2005 of the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad.
4. G.O.Rt.No.910, MA & UD (Vig.IV) Department, dated:09.08.2006.
5. G.O.Rt.No.911, MA & UD (Vig.IV) Department, dated:09.08.2006.
6. G.O.Rt.No.620, MA & UD (Vig.IV) Department, dated:01.05.2008.
7. G.O.Rt.No.470, MA & UD (Vig.IV) Department, dated:19.04.2011.
8. Inquiry Report from Sri K.Pradeep Chandra, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, G.A.Department, D.O. LetterNo.171/COI-KPC/A1 /2011, dated 19.09.2011.
9. Govt. Memo. No.730/Vig.IV/2002, dated 26.03.2012.
10. From Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Narsapuram Municipality, written representation, dated 07.05.2012.
11. Govt. Memo. No.730/Vig.I/2002, dated 23.01.2016.
12. From Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Narsapuram Municipality, written representation dt:19.05.2016.
13. Govt. Letter No.730/Vig.I(2)/2002, dated 08.01.2018.
14. From the Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, letter No.79/DC&C/2018, dated 22.02.2018.

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Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that, based on the petition against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner and the staff of Narsapuram Municipality on the allegation of corruption and misappropriation of Government funds and other irregularities, the Anti Corruption Bureau has taken up a regular enquiry and a surprise check conducted on the office of the Municipal Commissioner, Narsapuram Municipality. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad has recommended to initiate departmental action against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner and others of Narsapuram Municipality.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have initiated departmental action against the accused officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner of Narsapuram Municipality, by issuing Articles of Charges against him with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad has furnished the served copy of Articles of Charges issued against the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswa Rao, former Municipal Commissioner.

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4. In the G.O.4th read above, Government have appointed Sri S.Satyanarayana, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries as an Inquiring Authority to conduct enquire into the charges framed against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner and others of Narsapuram Municipality and in the G.O.5th read above, Orders were also issued, appointing Smt.K.Sridevi, Advocate as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority.

5. Subsequently, the Government vide G.Os. 6th and 7th read above, have re-assigned the case to Smt.Chandana Khan, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries and Sri K.Pradeep Chandra, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, respectively.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Sri K.Pradeep Chandra, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries has submitted his Inquiry Report, stating that, out of sixteen (16) charges, three (3) charges are held proved.

7. In the reference 9th read above, while communicating the Report of the Inquiring Authority under Rule 21 (2) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner was directed to submit his written representation, within (15) days.

8. In the reference 10th read above, the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Narsapuram Municipality, West Godavari District has submitted his written representation and requested to exonerate him from the charges framed against him.

9. The written representation of the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner has been examined in detail and it is observed that the charged officer has not put-forth any new grounds. In the reference 11th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Narsapuram Municipality, to show cause as to why a penalty of 7.5% cut in pension for a period of six (6) years besides recovery of 10% of Rs.31,212/- = Rs.3121/- and Recovery of his share Rs.1,41,320/- out of Rs.4,23,960/-, shall not be imposed against him.

10. In the reference 12th read above, the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner (Retd.) of Narsapuram Municipality has submitted his written representation to the Government and requested to drop further action against him.

11. As no new grounds put-forth by the charged officer in his written representation, it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 7.5% cut in pension for a period of six (6) years besides recovery of 10% of Rs.31,212/- = Rs.3121/- and Recovery of his share Rs.1,41,320/- out of Rs.4,23,960/- against the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Narsapuram Municipality and in the reference 13th read above, the Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission was requested to convey the concurrence of the Commission on the Government's Proposal.

12. In the reference 14th read above, the Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission has informed that, the Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government, to impose a penalty of 7.5% cut in pension for a period of six (6) years besides recovery of 10% of Rs.31,212/- = Rs.3121/- and Recovery of his share Rs.1,41,320/- out of Rs.4,23,960/- against the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Narsapuram Municipality.

13. Government have examined the entire matter carefully and decided to impose a penalty of 7.5% cut in pension for a period of six (6) years besides recovery of 10% of Rs.31,212/- = Rs.3121/- and Recovery of his share

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Rs.1,41,320/- out of Rs.4,23,960/- against the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Narsapuram Municipality. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of 7.5% cut in pension for a period of six (6) years besides recovery of 10% of Rs.31,212/- = Rs.3121/- and Recovery of his share Rs.1,41,320/- out of Rs.4,23,960/- against the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Narsapuram Municipality, as three (3) charges are held proved in the inquiry.

14. The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

15. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri.P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Narsapuram Municipality **through** the Director of Municipal Administration, AP Guntur.
The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, AP Secretariat.
The Municipal Commissioner, Narsapuram Municipality, West Godavari District.
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SECTION OFFICER